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FOR: TANTALUM CARBIDE, METHOD

FOR PRODUCING TANTALUM CARBIDE, TANTALUM CARBIDE WIRING AND TANTALUM CARBIDE

ELECTRODE

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated February 18, 2011, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment, Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 submitted herewith, and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of the Claims begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.